

The Honorable James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
v.
CHADILLADA LAPANGKURA and
PORNCHAI CHAISEEEHA,
Defendants.

No. 2:19-cr-00140-JLR

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TRAVEL

**NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:
April 9, 2021**

Defendants Chadillada Lapangkura and Pornchai Chaiseeha, husband and wife, were each convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States in violation of 18 United States Code, Section 371, an offense related to their filing of false income tax returns. Each was sentenced to serve terms of imprisonment, to serve a two-year term of Supervised Release following their release from custody, and to pay a fine of \$10,000 and \$7500, respectively. In addition, prior to sentencing the defendants paid \$220,283, the full amount of restitution owing for federal income and employment taxes, to the Internal Revenue Service, and paid in excess of \$400,000 in assessed taxes, penalties, and interest to the

1 State of Washington Department of Revenue as a result of an audit of
2 their Redmond restaurant, and in excess of \$10,000 in additional taxes
3 for 2015 in conjunction with an ongoing audit of their Southcenter
4 restaurant.

5 Both defendants have completed service of their terms of
6 imprisonment and are currently serving their terms of Supervised
7 Release. Both defendants have been transferred to a minimal
8 supervision status for the balance of their terms of supervised release.
9 Neither defendant has any remaining financial obligation related to their
10 criminal convictions. Both have recently signed a Closing Agreement
11 relating to the conclusion of their civil tax audit for the years related to
12 their criminal convictions and await an assessment of amounts due
13 under this civil settlement. They intend to immediately pay any such
14 assessment.

15 Mrs. Lapangkura and Mr. Chaiseeha would like to travel to
16 Thailand with their two children, Elijah Chaiseeha, age 10, and Jedidiah
17 Chaiseeha, age 4, during the period beginning approximately July 1,
18 2021, and continuing through August 31, 2021.¹ Probation Office Emie
19 Coronel has advised that she has no objection to these travel plans.
20 Assistant United States Attorney Andrew Friedman has also advised
21 that he does not object to these travel plans.

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24 ¹ It is not possible to provide the Court with exact dates of travel at this time. Mrs.
25 Lapangkura and Mr. Chaiseeha have not yet made airplane reservations, choosing to
26 first seek the Court's approval for their desired travel. Because of the COVID-19
pandemic, the Thai government currently only allows two flights per month for
passengers from Seattle to Bangkok. It is only possible to learn the exact time of such
flights one month in advance.

1 If the Court authorizes such travel, Mrs. Lapangkura, Mr.
2 Chaiseeha, and their children plan to stay with Mrs. Lapangkura's
3 mother in Bangkok at the following address:

4 218 Soi Ramintra 57 Ramintra Road
5 Bangkhen District
6 Bangkok, Thailand 10220

7 If this travel to Bangkok, Thailand is authorized, Mrs. Lapangkura
8 and Mr. Chaiseeha will provide the Probation Office with their contact
9 information and will continue to remain in compliance with all conditions
10 of their Supervised Release.

11 DATED: April 1, 2021.

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